

**MINUTES OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE  
ON HIGHER EDUCATION AND CAREER PREPARATION**

**Thursday, February 28, 2006**

**3:30 P.M.**

**Room 326, House Office Building**

**Chairman Wenke** called the meeting to order.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Reps. Wenke, Emmons, Palmer, Ward, Byrnes, Spade. (6/7)

**MEMBERS ABSENT/EXCUSED:** Rep. Lipsey. (1/7)

**Representative Emmons** moved to approve the minutes of the February 16, 2006 meeting.

**Representative Palmer** supported the motion. Without objections, the minutes were approved.

**Representative Ward** moved to excuse absent members. **Representative Palmer** supported the motion. No objections being made, absent members were excused.

**Chairman Wenke** laid **HB 5400** before the committee.

HB 5400	Wenke	Higher education; community colleges; reorganization of community college districts; provide procedures for.
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**Ruth Borger**, representing Lansing Community College, testified before the committee in support of **HB 5400**.

**Tom Bernthal**, representing the Michigan Community College Association, testified before the committee in support of **HB 5400**.

**Edward Haring**, representing Kellogg Community College, testified before the committee in support of **HB 5400**.

**Jeff McAlvey**, representing Grand Rapids Community College, turned in a testimony card in support of **HB 5400** but did not wish to speak.

There being no further business to come before the Committee, the Chair declared the meeting adjourned, the time being **4:37 p.m.**

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**Representative Lorence Wenke, Chair**

Eric Esch, Committee Clerk (517) 373-0070